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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 4673

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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ANTI-VESCO "CAMPAIGN" OVER

REF: SAN JOSE 4646

1. THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPEL ROBERT VESCO FORMALLY ENDED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION (REFTEL) NOT TO EXPEL HIM. ACCORING TO KEY MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN, THE STRATEGY OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PRESIDENT ODUBER WITH A BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT FOR EXPULSION ON THE PRESUMPTION THAT ODUBER WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN POWERFUL PRO-VESCO POLITICAL PRESSURES AND HIS PERSONAL DEFIES. THUS, THE HEAVY ANTI-VESCO PLN INGREDIENT IN THE CAMPAIGN.

2. ATTACKS AGAINST VESCO WILL CONTINUE IN THE PRESS AND IN THE ASSEMBLY WHERE FOCUS UPON THE EXPULSION MOTION WILL BE INTENSIFIED. BUT, THIS MOTION IS GIVEN LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF ULTIMATE SUCCESS, EVEN IF IT IS PASSED, GIVEN THE PRESIDENT'S APPARENTLY FIRM DECISION. MOREOVER, DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, CONFIDENTIAL

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EXTENDING INTO EARLY JANUARY, THERE IS LITTLE PUBLIC

ENTHUSIASM FOR POLITICS OR POLITICAL CRUSADES.

3. THE PRESS (LA NACION AND LA REPUBLICA)  
WILL CONTINUE TO HAMMER AWAY AT VESCO, BUT THE  
EXPECTED APPEARANCE ON THE MEDIA SCENE THIS MONTH  
OF THE VESCO-SUPPORTED NEWSPAPER "EXCELSIOR" WILL  
TEND TO BALANCE THE PRESS PLAY. MANY VESCO OPPONENTS  
HERE NOW BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD PLACE HEAVY EMPHASIS  
UPON REFORM OF THE CURRENT EXTRADITION BILL AND THUS TRY  
TO LEAVE THE ROAD OPEN FOR ANOTHER EXTRADITION ATTEMPT  
BY THE USG.

4. PRESIDENT ODUBER MADE ONLY PASSING REFERENCE TO THE  
VESCO MATTER IN HIS DECEMBER 9TH PRESS CONFERENCE.  
HIS PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CARRIED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION  
AND RADIO HOOK-UP IN THE EVENING. THERE WAS NO NEW  
"VESCO SPEECH" BY THE PRESIDENT AND IT NOW APPEARS THERE  
WILL BE NONE.  
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